THIRTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Presented in New York, July 2, 1872.

INCLUDING

NAMES OF LIFE MEMBERS
OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1871, TO JULY 1, 1872;
BOARD OF MANAGERS; WITH SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S
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THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SOCIETY,
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&c., &c.

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1872.

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STATED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Managers meet on the first Thursday of each month,

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. *Reading a Portion of Scripture and offering Prayer.*
2. *Minutes of last Meeting.*
3. *Treasurer's Report.*
4. *Bible Department.*
5. *Communications of Corresponding Secretary.*
6. *Reports of Standing Committees.*
7. *Reports of Select Committees.*
8. *Unfinished Business.*
9. *New Business.*

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I also give and bequeath to the American and Foreign Bible Society, ... for the use and purpose of said Society; and I hereby direct my executor to pay the said sum to the Treasurer of the said Society within months after my decease.

LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.

$150 constitutes a Life Director, $30 a Life Member, and $3 an Annual Member.

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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1872.

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, was held in their Rooms, 150 Nassau street, New York City, this day.

The Meeting was called to order at 2 P. M.

The President, Hon. D. M. WILSON, in the chair, read the Scriptures.

Prayer was offered by Rev. THOMAS POWELL, D.D., Illinois.

The Minutes of the last Anniversary were read by the Recording Secretary, and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by U. D. WARD, Esq., the Treasurer, and was accepted.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Board was read by A. D. GILLETTE, Corresponding Secretary, and was referred to Drs. HISCOX, JOHNSON and the Recording Secretary, for preparation and printing in its minutes.

The Report was accepted, and it was ordered that it be printed in the minutes.

The following were appointed a *Committee on Nominations:*

Rev. J. Dowling, D.D., N. J.; Rev. F. Johnson, D.D., N. J.; Rev. T. F. Hiscox, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. R. T. Middleditch, D.D., N. Y.; and U. D. Ward, N. Y.

The following were appointed a *Committee on Obituaries:*

Rev. G. W. Hervey, N. Y.; Rev. F. Johnson, D.D., N. J.; Rev. A. D. Gillette, D.D., N. Y.

The Committee on Nominations presented a report, which was adopted, recommending the following officers for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT.

HON. D. M. WILSON, New Jersey.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

REV. G. C. BALDWIN, D.D., N. Y.
REV. J. B. THOMAS, D.D., Illinois.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

A. D. GILLETTE, D.D.

TREASURER AND GENERAL DEPOSITORY AGENT.

U. D. WARD.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

GEO. E. PERINE.

MANAGERS.

FIRST CLASS.

(To serve for three years.)

JOHN W. STEVENS, Esq. — SAMUEL RAYNOR, Esq.
GEORGE GAULT, Esq. — WILLIAM HAGAR, Esq.
H. M. BALDWIN, Esq. — Rev. R. S. MCARTHUR.
GEORGE E. PERINE, Esq.

SECOND CLASS.

(To serve for two years.)

Rev. F. JOHNSON, D.D. — Rev. J. BANVARD, D.D.
JAMES PYLE, Esq. — S. S. CONSTANT, Esq.
Rev. E. T. HISCOX, D.D. — JEREMIAH COUNSELLOR, Esq.
Rev. GEO. E. HORR.

THIRD CLASS.

(To serve for one year.)

Hon. D. M. WILSON. — SAMUEL P. WHITE, Esq.
PETER BALEN, Esq. — A. B. CAPWELL, Esq.
Rev. D. MOORE, D.D. — Rev. J. B. BRACKETT, D.D.
Rev. W. H. PARMLY, D.D.

G. E. PERINE, *Recording Secretary.*

Financial Condition of the Society, July 1, 1872.

Cash in Bank	$2,105 55
Cash in hand	40 23
U. S. 5-20 Bond	1,000 00
Note on demand paying Interest, and subject to call	2,000 00
Invested as per direction of Testators (interest only to be used) the sum of	2,000 00
Total	$7,145 78

STEREOTYPE PLATE STOCK.

Valuable sets of Stereotype Plates, of various sizes—both Bibles and Testaments—are in possession of the Society, and the Word of God is being printed from these as rapidly as funds from the Churches will justify. The Society's plan of operations is purely on a cash basis. All contracts for Paper, and Printing, and Binding are given out on this plan. Thus, by prompt payments—for which the AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY is proverbial—a great saving is not only the result, but enables it to meet and compete with other societies in publishing. The Society is in debt to *no one*, all claims upon it having been met from time to time, leaving in its hands a valuable property, not only of supplies of Scriptures in store, ready for distribution, but Plates of great value, purchased from funds contributed by our Baptist Churches for benevolent purposes, contemplated as the legitimate work of the same.

IN ACCOUNT WITH U. D. WARD, Treasurer.

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June 1, 1871.	
By Balance in Treasury,	$3,393 16
Contributed by private individuals for Bible Work,	3,371 42
Collections in various Churches " " "	773 94
Associations for Bible Work,	97 38
Interest from Georgetown Bonds,	188 04
Interest from Pacific Railroad and other bonds,	140 00
Interest from estate of the late Polly Mitchell,	30 00
Interest from estate of the late Friend Crane,	22 75
Returns from estate of the late Samuel Casad,	16 64
Contributions from Sunday-schools for Bible distrib'n,	123 62
Cash from sales of Scriptures,	61 35
Cash for Bible Advocate,	2 00
Returned from C. C. Meadow,	10 00
Cash received for Missionary Union,	6 00
Legacies, viz.:	
From estate of Joseph Fish, deceased, late of Thomaston, Me.,	50 00
From estate of Ebenezer Silliman, Fairfield, Ct., Bal.,	126 64
From estate of Rev. Mark Hill, deceased, Sutton, Vt.,	250 00
From estate of Benjamin Crisse, New York,	500 00
From estate of Mrs. M. A. Wilcox, Anamosa, Iowa,	50 00
From estate of James McCutcheon, Georgetown, D.C., being proceeds from sale of bonds,	2,495 00
From estate of Dea. Harris Wight, Brickland, Mass.,	251 00
From estate of Mrs. Frances Park, Waterville, N. Y.,	100 00
From estate of Richard Gaines, Chevoit, Ohio,	4 00
Scripture circulation in America,	1,695 86
	$13,758 80
July 1st, 1872, by Balance,	$5,145 78

This is to certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer with vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct, leaving a balance in the Treasury of Five thousand one hundred and forty-five dollars 78-100 ($5,145.78-100). Two thousand of this on 7 per cent interest, subject to call, One thousand dollar 5-20 U. S. Bond, and balance in bank.

In addition to the above, your Committee find invested in good paying bonds the sum of $2,000, as per direction of Donors, interest only to be used by the Society, making altogether $7,145.78.

July 1, 1872.

GEO. E. PERINE,
JOHN W. STEVENS,
Auditing Committee.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

Dr.

To cash paid

For the purchase of Scriptures and Stereotype Plate stock,	$735	58
For Paper, Printing and Binding Scriptures, etc,	2,049	55
For Circulation of Scriptures in Rome through Dr. Cote,	500	00
For two Colored Colporteurs in Virginia, through Rev. Mr. Meadow,	50	00
Returned to the Estate of Susan Mann, as per direction of the Board, paid to us by mistake,	30	00
For the Settlement of Legacies,	37	25
Returned to the Widow of Friend Crane's estate, as per action of the Board,	22	75
For Collecting, by persons regularly appointed,	673	87
For Life Member certificates, engraved,	49	50
Advertising Society's card in denominational papers, circulars, labor and mailing the same,	996	40
Bible Advocate, labor and mailing the same,	160	65
Annual Report and Anniversary Expenses,	103	25
Postage Expressage, Freight, Cartage, and Telegraph charges,	105	22
Insurance,	46	67
Attending Conventions and Associations,	45	19
Envelopes, Printing Labels, Stationery and Wrapping Paper,	52	81
Coal for up-town Store,	7	50
Carpenter and Painters' work,	405	67
Furniture for Offices and cleaning,	211	96
Officers' services,	633	34
For Scripture circulation in America,	1,695	86
Amount to balance carried to new account	5,145	78
	13,758	80

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS of the American and Foreign Bible Society, including Legacies and omitting Sums Contributed for Real Estate purposes, each year, &c.

1849	Received		$39,840 86
1850	do		40,893 06
1851	do		44,983 73
1852	do		42,312 25
1853	do		44,215 84
1854	do		46,097 31
1855	do		40,034 28
1856	do		43,030 89
1857	do		44,771 86
1858	do		40,189 75
1859	do		30,873 03
1860	do		24,807 07
1861	do		27,020 92
1862	do		16,688 34
1863	do		19,247 13
1864	do		29,574 36
1865	do		31,652 59
1866	do		40,896 40
1867	do		51,467 45
1868	do		49,873 70
1869	do		30,186 46
1870	do		16,054 99
1871	to June, 1871,	do	5,242 42
1872	to July 1, 1872,	do	13,758 08

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF THE

American and Foreign Bible Society.

If any philanthropist, Christian or other person has heretofore questioned the pre-eminent importance of the work in which this Society is engaged, recent events alone are sufficiently significant to dispel every shadow of doubt.

By a series of most remarkable and even wonderfully startling providences, every country that has hitherto been under Papal domination, to such an extent as to hinder the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, is now open to the entrance of that Word that giveth light, and giveth understanding also. Millions of people who for centuries have been, by a professedly Christian power, denied the Bible and means of general education, intelligence and freedom to worship God as they conscientiously chose—which are the fruits growing from the Bible as flowers and fruits grow by nourishment through the roots of trees—now possess the fullest freedom; and not the gates of hell, or State church, shall ever again shut this freedom from them. Austria has repealed her wicked concordat. Spain has exiled her bigoted and licentious Queen, and an end has come to the horrors of her long-seeking inquisition for Christian blood. France is powerless against true religion and no longer supports, by bayonets or otherwise, the temporal princeship of Papal despotism. Infallibility is a bye-word among Italians, and the blasphemous assumptions of the old man in the Vatican are as nothing against the noble protest of freedom-loving people in the Italian, French, German and Spanish states.

In most of the governments of South America the power of the ignorant and brutal priests is broken or weakened, and the

rights of the people to civil and religious freedom, consented to or declared. Despotism and convents, and monasteries, in Mexico, with all their priestly cruelties and ignorance, are passing away, and, as in Greece, Russia, and other older nations, the people that have sat in darkness are beginning to see a great light, the light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of God's people, Israel.

The significance of the lesson of to-day in almost all the lands of the earth, is that millions are needing, and vast numbers are desiring to have and read the Holy Scriptures in their own tongues. The American and Foreign Bible Society is one important agent through which these crying wants can most effectually be supplied. The heathen world, our own Indian tribes, Freedmen, and poor white people South, emigrants by the ship load arriving daily from the Old World, and pushing out into the vast Western portions of our country, have few or no Bibles, but are willing generally, and in numerous instances anxious to obtain them.

The history and success of Bible translation and circulation is a marvel to all who are familiar with it. When the Rev. Mr. Charles, of Bala, Wales, went to London, and met the Religious Tract Society, and asked for tracts for Wales, he added, "We want Bibles more than we do tracts." The Rev. Joseph Hughes, pastor of the Baptist church, Battersea, said, "Why not form a Society for the supply of Bibles, for Wales not only, but for the whole world?" Hughes' noble words were as the sound of a trumpet calling valiant hosts to battle. The British and Foreign Bible Society was formed, the American Bible Society also; and, in 1836, our Society came into existence, and has given more than three million copies of God's Word to men, women, and children, who, so far as we can perceive, would have perished for lack of vision, had it not been given them by this God-honored Society.

Next to being inspired, is the honor of preaching the glorious Gospel of the blessed God—and next to this, is the honor of faithfully translating that Gospel into the languages of the earth. All are not inspired, nor can all preach, or translate; but all can do the next best thing, give funds wherewith to circulate these leaves of the Tree of Life, which are for the healing of the nations.

If any question the need of our Society, we refer them to numerous letters on our files asking Bibles for Sunday-schools, missions, churches and families in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and their surroundings, in our Southern and Western States, our Indian and other Territories. We are asked for five dollars' worth of Bibles for each of the sixty schools established among the Red men. Rev. Mr. Buckner, their devoted missionary, says he could form a hundred more Sunday schools in their Territory if he had five dollars' worth of Bibles to give to each school to begin with. He says, "A New Testament, with one column in English and one in Cherokee, would do more to teach the Indians English, and at the same time the Gospel, than any other means that could be devised."

Professor C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, devotes much time and labor to the Freedmen, and finds them, as do all workers among these four millions of people, rapidly learning and anxious to have the words of the Lord Jesus in print, that they may know the way of the Lord more perfectly then they can by hearing it from the word of mouth, and that also too often from men who themselves have little knowledge of the Scriptures, and in many instances do not possess a copy, nor could read one if they had it.

In view of these demands upon us, have we not a right to live, and a duty to do as a Society? Shall not we as trusted custodians of legacies and funds given us for the noblest and best of all purposes do what God, our brethren, and a needy world requires we should do—and which if we do not do, no one knows by whom or what means beside it can be done. If persistent and strenuous efforts are made to impede our usefulness we have only to put forth more persistent and strenuous efforts to do our duty. Armed with a conviction that we are called upon to continue doing what we were organized as a Society and appointed by our brethren to do, we have during the year past, by the aid of generous helpers done what we could. With but three agents in the field and these in remote parts, we have received contributions, which if not as large as our demands or desires, are a pledge of a cheering future.

We call upon all who love the truth as the truth is in Jesus, to come and help us help the needy. We ask you to give in such measure as will enable us to enlarge our work to a degree ap-

proximating to the necessities of the great field we are helping others to sow all over with the seed of the Kingdom of our God and of his anointed.

The delay of operations consequent upon the vain attempt to unite this Society with the Publication Society was an occasion of great loss to us pecuniarily and morally. Our various sets of plates were damaged to an extent that will require hundreds of dollars to repair. Our book business on Nassau street, amounting to about thirty thousand dollars a year, the profits of which went to the interest of the Bible cause, was given up, and can only come back to us in our new location after patient waiting and costly advertising; our former well-tried friends were alienated to a degree that words cannot explain, for in a work of benevolence friends and friendship are above all price. But the saddest reflection of all is—millions were needing copies of God's inspired truth, perishing without it, and we, as a Society, that had been giving many thousands of copies every year, were so hindered, that comparatively little was done to carry on this generous and much needed work for nearly the period of four years. We can but feel that every friend of mankind, every lover of the words of the Lord Jesus must lament such results of a well-meant but unwise endeavor, to hand over our solemn mission to another organization, which in so far as many of the warmest friends of both societies are able to see have during all this time of our suspended animation done little of the work we were required to do and had been doing with a zeal and efficiency worthy of all confidence and commendation.

The vacancies occasioned among our friends and helpers the year past, admonish us to be diligent in our work and liberal in our gifts—for the call to leave and rest from our labor will soon come to each one of us.

Rev. G. B. Ide, D.D., Rev. E. Hutchinson, D.D., and Hon. P. Runyon, and Col. W. W. Todd and others, have ceased to be helpers, except in the memory we cherish of what they did for us and the words they spake unto us, while they were yet with us. Reminded as we are by their departure, that our lives may be only a span long, may we severally gird ourselves for our allotted service and in our prayers, influence, words and contributions, more and more endeavor to give wider circulation among the destitute in our own and other lands to those life-

giving oracles, to which we owe all our comforts here and all our hopes of blessedness in the ever glorious hereafter.

If an honest endeavor of duty and devotion, a rigid economy in necessary expenditure of money, and importunate entreaty through the press and by public addresses shall multiply friends of Bible distribution and excite the many who have means to generous giving, during the year upon which we now enter, we shall say life, anxiety and toil have been pleasantly and profitably expended, and the name of the author of all Holy Scripture exalted among the people.

It is our privilege to say that the thirty years' devotion of our Treasurer, U. D. Ward, to the interests of this Society, almost challenge a parallel in the work of Christian benevolence. He left a position paying him one thousand dollars a year, more than we could offer him, and has returned to us his first love, in order to share in our economical work in circulating not ordinary books only, however good they may be, but in circulating the Bible, the Book of Books, and from whose revealings all other publications must get all the worth they possess.

Mr. Ward has engaged in Book-selling, the profits of which accrue to the Bible Society, and we trust he will be patronized by Churches, Sunday-schools, missions and individuals, all of whom may be assured, that the books he furnishes are worthy of the place they are expected to fill in public libraries or private family circles. In patronizing the religious enterprize of our Treasurer, you are aiding in circulating the words of the Lord Jesus—the words of life eternal.

A. D. GILLETTE, *Cor. Secretary.*

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The Rev. Dr. Colver died at Chicago, Sept. 25th, 1870. For fifty-three years he was well known as a bold, benevolent and zealous preacher. Though somewhat severe and unceremonious in manners, he was nevertheless kind-hearted and deeply humane. A sincere friend of the slave, he was a leader in the Abolition party and passed the last years of his life in educating the Freedmen and in founding a school at Richmond, Va., with a view to their preparation for the ministry. He planted several churches and baptized more than 600 persons. He naturally preferred that part of the work of the Society which aimed to circulate the Scriptures among the millions of Freedmen.

The Rev. Dr. B. T. Welch, who served the American and Foreign Bible Society as President for seventeen years, was born in Boston on the 24th of September, 1794. He began his ministry as a missionary for the waste places of the Baltimore Association. In 1825 he accepted the pastoral care of the Baptist church, in Catskill, N. Y. Here he began to distinguish himself as a preacher, and "his eloquence lighted up the old shadows of the mountains." Thence he was, in 1827, called to the pastorate of the First Church in Albany. From this time until the end of his mortal career, in 1871, he was regarded as one of the foremost of our preachers, pastors and advisers. Our limited space forbids us to dwell on the principal virtues of the man, and the most memorable events of his life. But it is proper for us to record the fact that he was ever an active, efficient, and devoted friend of this Society, and that he discharged the difficult duties of President with tact, impartiality, and dignity. He showed, in his administration, independence of mind, great resolution and promptitude in action. He was from the first a firm and uncompromising advocate of the principles and polity of the Society. The last public act he performed in behalf of the Society was on the 27th of May, 1868, and was characteristic of the man—the act of signing, with trembling hand, a

remonstrance against an attempted consolidation of the Society with the Bible Union. We are glad to learn that one of his sons is preparing memoirs of his good, gifted, and celebrated father.

The Rev. ELIJAH HUTCHINSON died at Windsor, Vt., April 5th, 1872, aged 62 years. He was a twin-brother of Professor Enoch Hutchinson, who is so well known as a scholar, a theologian, and an author. Mr. Hutchinson was a man of superior gifts and attainments, all of which he devoted to the service of Jesus. He was for twenty-seven years pastor of the Baptist church in Windsor, and a man of great moral and spiritual weight. One of his sons, John S., is now studying for the ministry in Newton Seminary. During his pastorate at Windsor he baptized 175 persons. He was a faithful friend of this Society, and on the occasion of his last visit to this city he called at the rooms and, among other things, surveyed, with profound interest, the table over which Dr. Judson bent for so many years while translating the Bible into Burmese. He lived for Christ. Death, therefore, found him full of faith and hope, and abounding in the work of the Lord.

Deacon EZEKIEL CAPEN, of Canton, Mass., died in that village, April 6th, 1872, aged 54 years. He had for many years been a friend of this Society. By his gifts to its treasury, himself, his wife and one of his daughters became life members. He likewise helped to make up the sums which the church in Canton was in the habit of contributing annually to the Society. In early life he studied with a view to the ministry; and in pursuance of this object he entered Brown University, but his frail constitution forced him to desist from severe study and to give his chief attention to business. For more than thirty years he was a very exemplary and very influential Baptist; and the religious enterprises of his native State as well as our great National Societies found in him a generous helper. His fellow-citizens and his brethren in the ministry in Massachusetts speak of his memory with esteem and reverence.

Rev. Dr. GEORGE B. IDE died in Springfield, Mass., on April 17th, 1872, after a life of great usefulness and eloquence as a pastor and preacher in Boston, Philadelphia, and Springfield. His life and character will no doubt be elsewhere worthily com-

memorated. It seems sufficient, in this place, to take solemn note of such of his deeds and opinions as relate to this Society. His manly eloquence on more than one occasion advocated the Bible cause, and many will remember with what emphasis and cogency he spoke at the time this Society parted company with the brethren who deemed it their duty to make a new version of the Bible. In later years, however, he had the candor to give the revised New Testament of the Bible Union a very critical examination, and while he was thus led to approve the general fidelity of the renderings, he nevertheless regarded it as too literal and too little conformed to English idioms to make it acceptable among plain and uncritical persons. He therefore adhered to his former judgment as to the expediency and necessity of circulating the commonly received version among the English speaking people. With all his combined erudition and enthusiasm, Dr. Ide was of a practical turn of mind and was as well endowed with common sense as with other valuable qualities.

Dr. Ide was sixty-six years old when he fell asleep. Up to the day of his death he stood among the first as a pulpit orator. But few have equalled him as a master of the oratorical style, and accordingly extracts from his sermons have passed into school readers as models in that kind of composition. His character was strongly marked by frankness, straightforwardness and a total want of craftiness. His piety was earnest and practical, while his long domestic affliction (the insanity of his wife) appears to have helped to detach him from the world and to make death welcome to him.

G. W. Hervey,
A. D. Gillette, } *Committee.*
F. Johnson,

The following Life Members herein recorded have been made during the year since our last report. All Life Directors and Life Members made previous to that time will be found in the Society's reports to that date. We send beautifully engraved certificates to all Life Directors and Life Members, when we have their proper address. Should any fail to receive

such Certificates, and will inform us, we shall be glad promptly to send them at our expense.

MRS. S. M. BOYNTON, Crown Point, Essex County, New York.
ALVAH CODDINGTON, Dover, Delaware.
REV. GEO. G. CRAFT, Cedarville, New Jersey.
COL. JAMES GILLETTE, Mobile, Alabama.
WILLIAM P. GILLETTE, New York.
REV. F. P. HALL, Olena, Hudson County, Ohio.
REV. FRANKLIN JOHNSON, D.D., Newark, New Jersey.
GEO. E. PERINE, Esq., New York.
REV. B. L. VAN BUREN, Stuyvesant Falls, New York.
WILLIAM B. WESCOTT, JR., New York.

WE call special attention to the following account of Scriptures sent out on their errands of light and love to Churches and Schools and to the destitute in our own and other lands. It is sometimes asked, is our Society a necessity? When such read this list of recipients of Bibles and Testaments, and remember, that but for this Society none of them, so far as we can know, would have received the blessed revelation of God's love to mankind, we think we have an answer to the question that must satisfy the most incredulous.

What we have done in Bible distribution is but a small part of what we would have done if means had been at our disposal. Calls for Bibles continue to come to us from various fields in our own and other lands, with an importunity and earnestness that might melt the heart of a miser, if such calls could but penetrate the rusty crust which avaricious selfishness has formed around his heart. We could put tens of thousands of copies of Divine revelation in circulation where few or none are, if the benevolence of Christ's disciples would but give us the means. Men of Israel, help! the Master will help the helpers.

GRATUITOUS SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION

FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS, VIZ.: ENDING JULY 1, 1872.

A majority of these Scriptures were of the 12mo Sunday School Bible, Nonpareil print, and the large print Testament strongly bound and durable, printed from our own stereotype plates and bound by the Society. Its Bible Depository being continually replenished from time to time with fresh stock from our own various plates, both in small and large type, and with and without references, to meet the demand.

	Bibles.	Testaments.
To the American Baptist Home Mission Society for distribution by their Missionaries and Colporteurs in Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana and Michigan	329	1233
To Rev. S. W. Marston, for Sunday Schools in Missouri and Creek and Cherokee Indians	100	417
Hopewell Baptist Church S. S., New Jersey	20	40
Decker's Point, Pa., Baptist Church S. S.	6	12
Middletown Baptist Church S. S., N. Y.	12	
Poor blacks and whites in and about Savannah, Ga.	12	38
American Baptist Sunday School Union for Mission Schools in New York	54	300
German Church Sunday School in Morrisania, N. Y.	5	
Seventh St. German Mission in Jersey City	20	
Baptist Church in Georgia, for the desk	1	
Wake Forest College, N. C., for distribution among the poor in that district	50	50
Mariners' Bethel in Philadelphia, for seamen	50	
First Baptist Church S. S. in Elizabeth, New Jersey	150	
East Baptist Church Sunday School, New York	30	50
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Sunday School, Newark, New Jersey	50	
Alliance Baptist Church, Ohio, for the desk	1	
Bellevue Hospital, New York, and also for distribution in Elmira, N. Y.	4	11
Welch Church in Dodgeville, Wisconsin	4	
Park St. Baptist Church S. S., New Brighton, S. I.	50	
Willis St. Baptist Church S. S., Paterson, N. J.	50	
Lyons Farms Baptist Church S. S., New Jersey	20	
Babylon Baptist Church S. S., Long Island, and for distribution by Rev J. S. Ladd	48	18
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